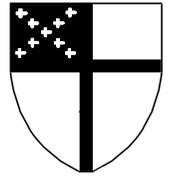




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Hurricane Harvey assistance opportunities

By [Bernie Frey](#), Outreach Chairman

Following are some of the ways to provide assistance to those in need as a result of Hurricane Harvey, and resulting flooding. If you are not familiar with an agency, please assure yourself through due diligence what you want to support. Charity Navigator is a good source to do that:

www.charitynavigator.org. Bottom line is this isn't a 'recommended' list, nor is it all the ways support can be provided, but rather a starting point for anyone wondering how to help.

The San Antonio Food Bank, www.safoodbank.org;

The Houston Food bank, www.houstonfoodbank.org;

Galveston Food Bank, www.galvestoncountyfoodbank.org;

Food Bank of the Golden Crescent (Victoria),

www.victoriafoodbank.org;

Corpus Christie food bank, www.foodbankcc.com;

Southeast Texas Food Bank, www.setxfoodbank.org.

Episcopal Relief and Development can be supported at www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-harvey-response.org.

Salvation Army, www.helpsalvationarmy.org or text 'STORM' to 51555

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational Christian organization focused on helping victims of war, poverty,

natural disasters, disease and famine. www.samaritanspurse.org.

Airline points - Southwest Airlines is asking those who have accumulated SWA airline travel points to make a donation to a selected charity of the several choices they offer.

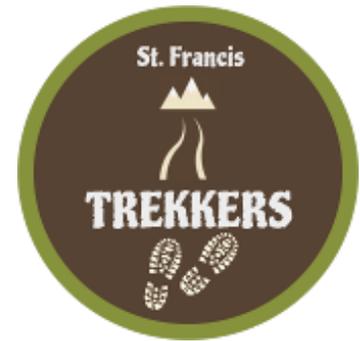
To help the homeless, the Houston Coalition for the Homeless is a facilitating shelter for homeless people in Houston. www.homelesshouston.org.

To help farmers and ranchers, the Texas Agriculture STAR fund helps farmers and ranchers recover from disasters. www.texasagriculture.gov.

Visit any H-E-B or Central market and make a donation of \$1, \$3, or \$5 added to your grocery bill (they have deployed more than 15 disaster

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St. Francis Trekkers

By [Libby Templeton](#)

In the spring we started a new group called the St. Francis Trekkers to encourage fellowship and exercise outdoors. We've had a great time getting to know one another and enjoying the beauty of this world. Some of the places we've been include Guadalupe State Park, Pedernales Falls State Park, Eisenhower



After St. Francis' *All Together Now* service on Sunday, July 30, we continued with a farewell potluck lunch in the parish hall for Sterling and Bette Wehner.



Dear friends,

Dame St. Julian of Norwich (1342-1415) had a profound awareness of how the Holy Spirit works to reshape us and fit us into the Body of Christ, as the temple of God. In *Revelations of Divine Love* she wrote,

You are the living stones in the Father's spiritual temple. And you are being shaped and fitted into the sacred dwelling of God—that is, His church. All this sounds well and good. But the other 'stones' in this spiritual building will not fit easily against you at first. Your attitude should be this: We are all friends and companions on the way. You must never think of yourself as 'greater' or 'less than' anyone else.

Pray, and do not give up, when it comes to others in the church—members, just like you. Each one of us is in the process of being shaped and fitted by God into His dwelling.

Pray that your brothers [and sisters] in Christ may understand how they may imitate God in Christ. Let them be instructed—not merely by your words, or the correctness of your doctrines—but by the gentleness, meekness, kindness, and humility they see in you.

So when a brother [or sister] is angry with you—you be mild. When they are strong-willed, self-centered, boastful—you be humble. When they abuse you—commit yourself to praying for them. When they are double-minded or deceitful—for even fellow Christians can act like perfect children of the devil at times—you stand firm in a spiritual faith.

Do not imitate the ones who wrong you. Imitate Christ. Teach your brothers [and sisters] by forbearing all foolishness and spiritual immaturity. Be eager to lead them by the living Spirit of Christ in you.

Remain in Christ by complete dependence on God alone, and by responding with His attitude toward others. And let the Holy Spirit lift you in soul."

I pray dear friends that we—all of us—will all look to the Rock from

which we were hewn and see how we, as living stones, are being built into the temple of God—the Body of Christ—which is our church. If we will recognize this about who we are and just how far we've come, we can be confident about what God is doing with us for the future...

In His amazing love,
Fr. David

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response vehicles including two mobile kitchens, water and fuel tankers, trailers, and 'direct response units,' which include mobile pharmacies and business services that allow users to cash checks and pay bills. They have already served meals to about 4,000 people through their mobile kitchen.)

Text 'HARVEY' TO 90999 to make a \$10.00 donation to the American Red Cross.

Text 'harveyrelief17' to 41444 to give to the United Way Harvey Relief Fund.

The Texas Diaper Bank provides diapers that are not otherwise provided by disaster relief agencies. Diapers can be dropped off at their office located at 5415 Bandera Road, Suite 504, San Antonio. Diapers also can be left in the narthex at church, and I will deliver them. Also, a donation can be made at www.texasdiaperbank.networkfor good.com.

To help animals, you can donate to the SPCA of Texas.

Port-light provides relief to people with disabilities, to ensure that people who require medical equipment and assistive technology have what they need after they evacuate, and to make sure that those same folks are able to get to safety.

Note: this list will be updated during the week. Some of these

agencies were vetted and recommended by Texas Monthly magazine.

Thanks,
Bernie Frey, Outreach

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Park, and the Guadalupe Trail near the Canyon Lake Dam.

We're planning an exciting fall season and would love to have you join us. We strive to provide a mixture of level of effort challenges so more can be involved.

Upcoming dates & locations:

Saturday, Sep. 9 – Honey Creek State Natural Park,
Saturday, Oct. 7 – Government Canyon State Natural Area,
Saturday, Nov. 4 – Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, and
Saturday, Dec. 2 – A holiday walk on trails through Boerne.

Watch the weekly *Good News* for more details regarding each trek. We generally begin at 9:00 a.m. and often share a picnic lunch. If you'd like more information, please contact Libby Templeton at libbytempleton254@gmail.com or (817) 475-3909.



Upcoming events:

Oct. 5-8: Cursillo weekend #276 at Mustang Island Conference Center. Lay Rector is Donald Greer (St. Luke's, San Antonio); and Spiritual Director is the Rt. Rev. David Reed.

Nov. 2-5: Cursillo weekend #277 at Camp Capers. Lay Rector is Andrea Bielefeld, and Spiritual Director is the Rev. Ripp Hardaway.

Mar. 15-18: Cursillo weekend #278 at Camp Capers. Lay Rector is Rosine Carter, and Spiritual Director is the Rev. Lisa Mason.



Treasurer's report

By [Micheline Ellas](#)
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As previously reported at the Annual Parish meeting, the Vestry approved a 2017 budget which reflected needs in excess of expected total revenues of \$39,159. During the budget meetings conducted in late 2016, the Budget Committee was able to reduce certain expenditures while also recognizing that substantial growth must occur to sustain the on-going cost of general operations.

Financial activities through the first seven months of 2017 showed mixed improvement in the management of expected revenues and expenditures. The July 2017 month-end actual revenues for the General Fund exceeded the budgeted projection by \$2,748 and were 6% greater than in the same period in 2016. Year-to-Date revenues in the General Fund of \$146,121 exceeded the budgeted projection by \$4,787 and were 3% higher than in the same period in 2016. The July 2017 month-end expenditures for the General Fund of \$22,174 were greater than the budgeted projection by \$1,216 and were 10% higher than in the same period in 2016. Year-to-Date expenditures for the General Fund of \$157,265 were less than the budgeted projection by \$5,389 and were 4% less than in the same period in 2016.

Activities to help increase revenue continues. As previously reported, cash assets supporting St. Francis are now invested with two financial institutions, CapitalOne and EverBank, where the interest rate environment is much more favorable to the Church. A program of laddering of certificates of deposit is now in place which is designed to bring more income to St. Francis. Interest

income from the relationships is used to support the new building project costs. Cash assets at Prosperity Bank continue to be managed much more tightly as a targeted balance is in place and requests for checks will be processed by the close of business only on Tuesday and Friday of each week. This process allows for excess funds to be invested for longer periods of time before being used to fund the various operating needs of St. Francis.

A new revenue stream was added to St. Francis beginning in January with the introduction of a gentle exercise yoga program hosted by Jeanne Slupik. All are welcome. This popular class is held on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and the donations received are used to supplement the general operating costs of St. Francis. Thus far, \$1,124 in previously unbudgeted miscellaneous revenue has been received. St. Francis also receives funds from Amazon, based on purchases made through its charitable giving program hosted on-line at www.smile.amazon.com. This year, the Church has received \$53 and the funds are used for the new building project. Please consider using this method of benefitting the Church when purchasing products on-line from Amazon.com.

We continue to seek opportunities to reduce expenses. Any parishioner who has a cost savings idea is encouraged to contact the St. Francis Treasurer at www.treasurer@gvtc.com.

Our Funds as of July 31, 2017:

General Operating:	\$ 32,867
Debt Retirement:	\$ 7,025
Building (New Bldg.):	\$ 31,632
Capital Campaign Funds Collected:	\$ 182,512

Our Debts as of July 31, 2017:

Crump Note:	\$ 40,000
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Episcopal Church Women update

By [Tricia Jones](#) ECW President

“With all humility and gentleness, and with patience, support each other in love,” *Ep 4:2*.

It is time to start our new ECW year! ALL women associated with St. Francis by the Lake are members and are encouraged to participate.

What does participation look like? We meet on the second Thursday of each month usually in someone's home from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hostesses provide a light meal for us to share as we fellowship. We learn about each other and our community, and support and encourage each other with prayer. We have FUN raising funds for our parish, and for local and global organizations serving concerns close to our hearts. We participate in special events (Diocese Gatherings, Retreats, Quiet Day, etc.,) which help us grow into the women that God created us to become. So, if you can't attend monthly meetings, there are many more opportunities to connect and be active in ECW at St. Francis by the Lake.

Our first monthly meeting is Thursday, Sep. 14, at 11:00 a.m., at Brenda Smith's home, 495 River Chase Way, New Braunfels. Our hostesses (Lynda Leadford, Betty Morris, and Becki Nichols,) will provide a light brunch from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The program starts at 11:30 a.m., followed by a short business meeting. We will adjourn at approximately 12:30 p.m. by celebrating birthdays. You may choose to join in the meal at 11:00 a.m. or

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to come to the program and business meeting at 11:30 a.m.

The September program features our own Valerie Kirk, DVM. Valerie will share her passion as a veterinarian for primates and her experiences with international veterinary ministry. We will all have a hand in making some special treats for Valerie to take to the primates. Please save your empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls and bring them with you to the ECW meeting.

One of our most successful fund-raising events is the Twice-Blessed Rummage Sale. The whole parish gets involved and the community looks forward to it every year. The dates are Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20 and 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ronnie Harper-Schwakhofer is coordinating the event and has many opportunities for pre-sale workers, day-of workers, post-sale workers, and shoppers! Look for more information in the Franciscan and in the weekly Good News!

I look forward to being with each of you in worship and at our September meeting. If I may be of service, please contact me at (512) 497-2297 or

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New Braunfels, TX 78130

Nancy Summers
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Sterling and Bette Wehner
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#2122 Brookdale First Colony
Sugar Land, TX 77479
(Their cell numbers are still the same.)

JoAnne Wilson
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2022 Highway 46 West
New Braunfels, TX 78130
(This is a new facility on Highway 46 just west of Loop 337 and HEB.)

George and Gay Witbeck
403 River Ave.
Kingsland, TX 78639



Gentle
Exercise Class
At

Saint Francis by the Lake

Class instruction focuses on posture, breathing, stretching, balance, form, and light exercise.

Instructor: Jeanne Slupik

When: Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Where: Parish Hall. Please wear comfortable clothing, and bring a yoga mat.

Cost: Donations only, to benefit St. Francis by the Lake.

Come join us!



**Reaching up...
Reaching out**

Lord, what do you want to do through me?

This is our parish. The time is now. Pray for our Capital Campaign and our Stewardship Campaign and ask God's guidance in how you are to join in the vision.

The floor plan of the Outreach and Ministry Center is available in the Narthex.



Needs for the CRRC food pantry

Our local food pantry continues to be in need of the following items:

- toilet paper;
- cereal;
- spaghetti;
- laundry detergent;
- shampoo;
- conditioner;
- shower gels;
- dish soap;
- hand soap;

baby diapers - sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5, and adult sizes, (both disposable and cloth diapers;) and

toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss. *(When visiting the dentist each patient is usually given a small bag that contains a toothbrush, toothpaste and floss. As each of us has our semi-annual checkups, please consider bringing those to church for the CRRC donation box. Thanks to Betty Morris for that suggestion.)*

All contributions are appreciated.

What's happening

Daughters of the King (DOK) is on the fourth Wednesday of every month (Sep. 20) at 12:30 p.m. The group will meet in the parish hall after the 11:30 a.m. Eucharist.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) meets on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 11:00 a.m., at Brenda Smith's home. ([See article, p. 3.](#))

Scripture Study Group is an informal study that meets at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the parish hall, followed by Eucharist.

Vestry - meets the second Sunday of each month. The group will meet on Sep. 10, at 12:30 p.m., in the parish hall.

Adult Sunday School meets most Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. The group decides at their meeting where the next get-together will take place.

Evening Study Class meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the parish hall.

Al-Anon meets every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in Jones Hall.

Caregiver Support Group meets every third Monday (Sep. 18) of the month at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

COH Circle of Care will meet on Sunday, Sep. 4, at 12:15 p.m., in the parish hall.

Second Saturday Diocesan Mini Retreat meets each month on the second Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Bishop Jones Center. The grounds are beautiful, and the time is for contemplative silence and fellowship. (If you would like to carpool, there are several woman from St. Francis that would be glad to have

you join them. Please call the St. Francis office (830) 964-3820 for more information.)



DOK (Daughters of the King) members, Velda Vukoder (standing) and Brenda Amos, talked about their recent trip to Israel at the DOK meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Candace Fitch	9/22
Chuck Davenport	9/23
Bernie Frey	9/23
Josh White	9/26
Hazel Dowdy	9/28
Linda Harkness	9/30

Mark your calendars

Sep. 4 - Labor Day - Office is closed.

Sep. 8 & 22 - 6:00 p.m. - Craft Night at Linda Hillin's home

Sep. 9 - 9:00 a.m. - St. Francis Trekkers ([See article, pg. 1.](#))

Sep. 9 - 9:00 a.m. - Second Saturday Diocesan Mini Retreat

Sep. 18 - 7:00 p.m. - Caregiver Support Group meet in the parish hall

Sep. 20 - 6:00 p.m. - Potluck Supper in the parish hall

September anniversaries

Bruce and Brenda Smith	9/2
Larry and Linda Bosenbark	9/4
Gabe and Tricia Jones	9/21
Chitt and Mary K. Chittenden	9/24

September birthdays

Dale Templeton	9/1
Lizzie Leigh	9/3
Linda Bosenbark	9/9
Julie Chalk	9/9
Patricia Doyal	9/9
Richard Ellas	9/11
Ann Patla	9/14
Tricia Jones	9/15
Norm Littlefield	9/15
Don Stackhouse	9/15
Jordan Pollock	9/17

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**Episcopal Church
Women (ECW)
annual fundraiser
Twice Blessed
Rummage Sale
Oct. 20 & 21, 2017
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

We need volunteers, men and women, to make this year's annual fundraiser another success! We need people to set up tables, sort and organize, price, cashier, pick large items up prior to sale, and deliver large purchased items. If you have items to donate to the rummage sale, want to help with the rummage sale, or need large items picked up please contact Ronnie Harper-Schwakhofer. Contact Ronnie at (210) 885-6886 or ronnie78133@gmail.com.

**All Together Now service
followed by a potluck brunch &
a celebration farewell for Sterling and Bette
Wehner, and their ministry to St. Francis.
We're glad you are a part of our lives!**



Anne and Les Beauvais



(L to R): Gloria Wildberger, Ray Thompsett, and Winnie Benson



Bob Kerr and Kay Stackhouse



George and Carol Glasby



Keren Necaise and TW Jackson



Betty Morris (left) and Brenda and Hailey Klaftegger

Honduras appreciation dinner and live music for St. Francis took place on Thursday, Aug. 3.

Thank you to all those who helped with the preparations to make this event happen!

Thank you for attending.



Tatiana Hoecker (left) and Gloria Wildberger prepared plates for the dinner.



Tamara Huneau kept the food stocked for the dinner.



Patricia Perea helped wherever she could. Thank you, Patricia, for all you do.



Shawn Besh, Mo Simmons grandson, played his guitar in the parish hall and entertained those eating their dinner.



Dinner and drinks were served to the guests.



After the Honduras appreciation dinner that was held in the parish hall on Thursday, Aug. 3, a musical performance was held in the church.



Retreat held at Cathedral Park in San Antonio

From *Weekly ENEWS from The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas*

A retreat will be held at Cathedral Park in San Antonio (111 Torcido, 78209) Friday through Saturday, Oct. 13-14, sponsored by the Commission for Women’s Ministries entitled the “Tapestries of our Lives.” This retreat replaces the annual fall women’s gathering.

When we look at our lives as a tapestry, we find threads of many colors and textures. Some are times of great joy and productive living; others are times of challenge and maybe even sorrow. God uses all of these threads to create the unique work of art each one of us is and to prepare us for life in abundance.

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Our Mission Statement

As Children of God we, at St. Francis by the Lake, are committed to living, learning, and sharing the love of Christ, the Word of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit with our parish family, our communities, and the world.

Friday evening, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. includes a light supper. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. includes a continental breakfast and boxed lunch. Overnight accommodations are available in homes or nearby hotels. Childcare is provided

off site. Registration is available at www.dwtx.org/events, and the cost is \$45 per person. Childcare is extra.